During the meeting Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh had stated that a number of cases were filed after investigations. Our High Commission in Dhaka is continuing to monitor the situation closely.

American aid to Pakistan

2423. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the U.S. has recently paid to Pakistan more than eight billion dollars while, many a times expressing fear of Indo-Pak nuclear war and even asked its citizens to leave India;

(b) whether Government have reportely "nailed America for doublespeak on Pak" and revealed that "New Delhi's patience with America's South Asia Policy may be wearing thin" and expressed the view "we don't see signs of an end, rather there has been a revival" support to cross-border terrorism; and

(c) if so, how Government propose to deal with this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Government has raised its concerns about the impact that provision of aid to Pakistan for its role in the war against Al Qaida and Taliban operatives will have on Pakistan's support to cross-border terrorism in India, which is the cause of the present tension in the region. In this context, Government has also apprised the international community, including the United States, that cross-boder infiltration and terrorist incidents continue in Jammu and Kashmir, despite President Musharraf's commitment to put a permanent end to it.

(c) Government's strong and purposive international engagement has led to the acknowledgement by a number of countries, including the United States, that cross-border infiltration and terrorist incidents continue to take place and that President Musharraf must deliver on the promises to permanently end infiltration and dismantle the infrastructure of terrorism, including the camps, before a dialogue could begin between India and Pakistan.